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### **Tropical Storm Malakas Continues Moving North-Northwest; No Direct Threat Expected for Marianas, Heavy Rain Remains Possible**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor what is now called Tropical Storm Malakas, previously called 02W.

As of 1 p.m., the system was located near latitude 5.3 degrees north and longitude 146.2 degrees east longitude, about 155 miles south-southwest of Satawal and 575 miles south of Guam. It is currently moving north-northwest at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. It is expected to maintain a northwestward track, passing between Yap and Guam Sunday. Malakas is forecast to intensify the next couple of days, possibly becoming a typhoon Saturday night or Sunday morning.

There are no watches or warnings in effect for the Marianas at this time. Although a direct impact is not expected for the Marianas based on the latest forecast, the community is reminded to stay up to date with the latest information as 02W remains in our vicinity. Wind, rain, seas, and surf are expected to increase Saturday into Sunday.

For Guam, 3 to 6 inches of rainfall is possible through Monday as Malakas passes to the southwest and into the Philippine Sea. Locally higher amounts of rainfall are possible. Winds will increase to between 20 and 30 mph Saturday and Sunday, with gusts up to around 35 mph.

Those living in flood-prone areas should prepare; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize flooding and watch for any additional advisories.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in coordination with NWS, will continue to monitor all systems in the region and provide updates.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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